VOLUTA.

Character Genericus.

Animal Limax.
Teſta unilocularis, ſpiralis.
Apertura ecaudata ſubeffuſa.
Columella plicata: Labio Umbilicove (ut plurimum) nullo.

Lin. Syſt Nat. Gmel. p. 3459.

VOLUTA EPISCOPALIS.

Character Specificus, &c.

VOLUTA teſta lævi, anfractuum margine integro, columella quadriplicata.

VOLUTA EPISCOPALIS.
Lin. Syſt. Nat. Gmel. p. 3459.

VOLUTA MITRA *epiſcopalis.*
Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 1194.

MITRA EPISCOPI.
Rumph. muſ. t. 29. f. K.
Seb. muſ. 3. t. 51. f. 8.—16.

VOLUTA PAPALIS.

Character Specificus, &c.

VOLUTA teſta tranſverſim ſtriata, anfractuum margine labroque denticulatis, columella quadriplicata.

VOLUTA PAPALIS.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. Gmel. p. 3459.

VOLUTA MITRA *papalis*.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 1195.

MITRA PAPALIS.

Seb. muſ. 3. t. 51. f. 1.—5.
Rumf. t. 29. f. 1.

Adeo inter ſe affines ſunt conchæ in tabula depictæ, ut Linnæus in editione duodecima Syſtematis Naturæ dubitaſſe omnino videtur, ſintne ſpecies revera diverſæ; cum ambas eodem nomine communi deſignaverit, nempe *Volutæ Mitræ*. Speciem lævem, mitram ſcilicet *epiſcopalem* decorant plerumque maculæ pulchre rubentes, ſed pallidulæ, forma fere quadrata. *Mitra papalis* e contrario maculis aſpergitur, quarum forma inæqualior, colorque multo ſaturatior, et rubro-ferrugineus. Inveniuntur

tur ambæ in mari Indico, et recentes cooperiuntur epidermide, ſeu pellicula tenui fuſco-flaveſcente. Quod incolit eas animal venenatum eſſe dicitur, et mucrone quodam ſeu proboſcide acuminata tangentes vulnerare.

THE

MITRE VOLUTES.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal reſembling a Limax or Slug.
Shell unilocular, ſpiral.
Pillar or Column twiſted or plaited.

THE

EPISCOPAL VOLUTE.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Smooth white Volute with ſquariſh red ſpots; the edges of the ſpires entire; the pillar with four wreaths.

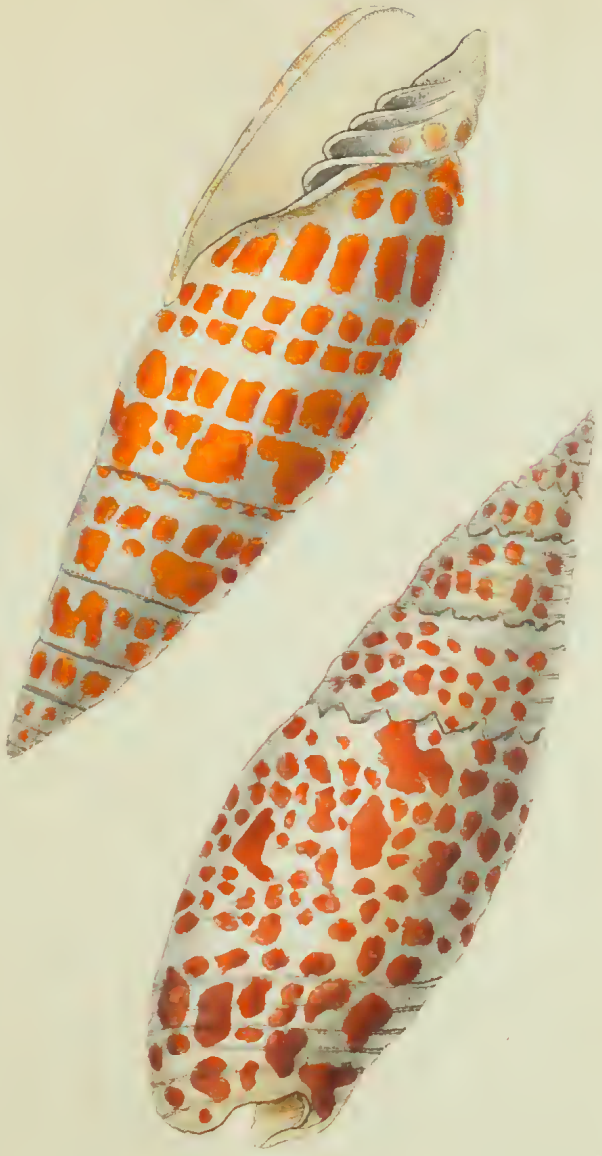
The SMOOTH MITRE-SHELL.

La MITRE.

Argenv. conch. pl 9. f. C.

La MITRE EPISCOPALE.

Knorr. 1. pl. 6. f. 2.



THE

PAPAL VOLUTE.

Specific Character, &c.

Tranſverſely ſtriated white Volute with irregular dark-red ſpots; the edges of the ſpires toothed; the pillar with four wreaths.

The ROUGH or TOOTHED MITRE-SHELL.

The PAPAL MITRE.

La TIARE.

Argenv. pl. 9. f. E.

La COURONNE PAPALE.

Knorr. 1. pl. 6. f. 1.

The two ſhells at preſent figured, are ſo very nearly allied, that Linnæus, in the twelfth edition of the Syſtema Naturæ, ſeems to have conſidered them as ſcarce ſpecifically diſtinct; and has therefore included them both under the common title of *Voluta Mitra*. In the ſmooth ſort, or *M. epiſcopalis*, the ſpots are commonly of a bright, though ſomewhat pale red, and of a ſhape much inclining to ſquare:

ſquare: on the contrary, in the *M. papalis* they are of a very deep or browniſh red, as well as much more irregular in their form. Both are natives of the Indian ocean, and, when recent, are covered with a thin, yellowiſh-brown epidermis or cuticle. The inhabiting animal is ſaid to be of a poiſonous nature, and to wound thoſe who touch it with a kind of pointed trunk.